

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21616

Current law prohibits the Tax Commission from disclosing tax returns or tax return information except as provided by statute, court order or by Commission rule. The Commission does not have the authority to disclose tax returns or tax return information to victims of identity theft. Sometimes identity thieves will use a stolen tax identification number to obtain employment and file tax returns. Certain information on the return is needed by a victim to file a police report and begin the process one must take to resolve the problems associated with identity theft. This bill would allow the Tax Commission upon receipt of a valid written request to release information that will identify the name and address of the user of the stolen tax identification number but will not allow disclosure of the financial information contained on that return.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill has no fiscal impact.

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